

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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David J. Bradley, Clerk

United States of America

v.

Arick Joaquin ALANIS-Barrientos (Y.O.B. 1997)
Citizenship: Mexico

Case No.

M-18-0631-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of March 23, 2018 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

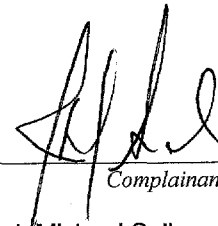
21USC952(a) and 21USC841(a)(1)

Offense Description

Defendant did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute and knowingly and intentionally import into the United States from Mexico approximately 5.34 kilograms of Heroin, a schedule I controlled substance

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment "A"

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Complainant's signature

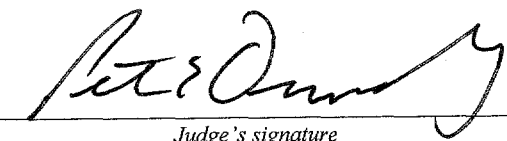
J. Michael Salinas, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 03/24/20184:02 pmCity and state: McAllen, Texas

Judge's signature

Peter E Crosby
U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Attachment "A"

On March 23, 2018 at approximately 12:04 p.m., Arick Joaquin ALANIS-Barrientos applied for admission into the United States at the Pharr, Texas Port of Entry. ALANIS-Barrientos was operating a red in color Dodge Stratus bearing Queretaro (Mexico) license plates and stated that the purpose of his visit to the United States was to visit family and go shopping. ALANIS-Barrientos was referred for a secondary inspection where a Customs and Border Protection K-9 alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. An x-ray scan of the vehicle was conducted which resulted in the discovery of anomalies within the vehicle battery. The battery was probed with a drill and was found to contain a brown substance which field tested positive for heroin. A total of 9 cellophane wrapped bundles containing 5.34 kilograms of heroin was located concealed within the vehicle battery.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. Arick Joaquin ALANIS-Barrientos was interviewed by HSI Special Agent Joe Michael Salinas and HSI Task Force Officer Mark Lewis. During the interview, ALANIS-Barrientos admitted that he knew he was transporting illegal narcotics, which were concealed in the vehicle battery. ALANIS-Barrientos stated that he was to be paid approximately \$2,000 in U.S. currency for transporting the narcotics into the United States. A male passenger traveling with ALANIS-Barrientos, identified as Juan Carlos BENAVIDES-Barrientos, was released after investigation.